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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Joseph C. CAUTHEN) Group Art Unit: 3738

Application No.: 10/075,615) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay

Filed: February 15, 2002) Confirmation No.: 2841

For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, the period for response having been extended to February 24, 2006, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.